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Mr. Brad Bradley
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77 West Jackson Boulevard
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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Voluntary Progress Report 28 (August 2001)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") on a voluntary basis to provide EPA with a progress report for activities related to the remediation of the residential lots and remote fill areas, the remediation of the Taracorp pile, the remedial action for groundwater, and operation and maintenance activities that were performed in regard to the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site") during August 2001.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On August 1, 2001, the Group's project coordinator issued a voluntary progress report to EPA.
- On August 16, 2001, a conference call was held to discuss the remaining four residential lots (two single-lot addresses and one double-lot address) to be completed as part of remedial activities at the site. Participants in the conference call included representatives of EPA, ENTACT, Inc. ("ENTACT"), and the Group's project coordinator.
- On or about August 24, 2001, the Group's project coordinator received EPA's August 16, 2001 letter approving the December 2000 Groundwater Monitoring Plan, prepared by ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller, for the site. The Group's project coordinator provided a copy of EPA's letter to ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller for use in efforts to revise the document to address the two comments in EPA's approval letter.



2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- Based upon the results of the August 16, 2001 conference call, ENTACT will advise EPA regarding its schedule for remobilizing to the site to complete remedial activities for the remaining residential lots. At the present time, the Group anticipates that ENTACT will remobilize to the site in September 2001 to complete the remaining work.
- ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller will prepare revisions to the Groundwater Monitoring Plan to address the two comments in EPA's August 16, 2001 letter. The revisions will be submitted to EPA. In addition, the Group will advise EPA regarding the schedule for groundwater monitoring activities at the site.
- ENTACT will continue efforts to prepare a revised Operation and Maintenance Plan to address EPA's comments and to expand the Operation and Maintenance Plan to include operation and maintenance activities for off-site areas.
- ENTACT will complete the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations to address EPA's January 22, 2001 comments as soon as remedial activities are completed at the site. The revised pages to the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations will be submitted to EPA after the remaining remedial activities are completed at the site.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

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6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

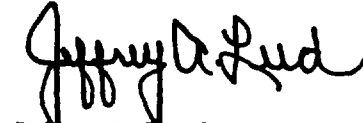
7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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